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Final performance report of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the final performance report of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (UNOSOM) (A/56/915). During its consideration of the report, the Committee was provided with additional information.

2. UNOSOM was established by the Security Council in its resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992 for an initial period of six months. The mandate of the mission was extended in subsequent Security Council resolutions, the last of which, resolution 954 (1994) of 4 November 1994, extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 31 March 1995.

3. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 5 of the report of the Secretary-General that full reimbursement of troop costs have been made.

4. The Advisory Committee also notes from table 2 of the report of the Secretary-General that requirements for contingent-owned equipment and consumable supplies are estimated at $122,942,100, payments made to troop-contributing countries, as at 31 December 2001, amounted to $107,371,300, the cost of equipment lost is estimated at $12,008,300 and the amount due is $27,579,100.

5. As indicated in paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's report, a total of $1,804,404,500 gross ($1,785,763,000 net) was appropriated by the General Assembly for the operation of UNOSOM. Expenditure amounted to $1,699,383,700 gross ($1,686,417,200 net), credits applied to Member States amounted to

* The final performance report for UNOSOM II was considered by the Advisory Committee on 15 May 2002. The Advisory Committee's draft report was approved by it on 17 May 2002 and sent for processing on that date.

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$150,130,800 gross ($143,666,400 net), leaving an unencumbered balance of appropriations amounting to $40,940,700 gross ($39,990,400 net).

6. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 10 and table 4 of the report of the Secretary-General that while the amounts recorded in accounts payable is $11,400,000, funds required to settle outstanding claims total $31,016,000, thus leaving a shortfall of $19,616,000.

7. The Advisory Committee also notes from table 5 of the report that, as at 31 December 2001, the cash position of UNOSOM showed an operating deficit of $27,261,000. From table 6 of the report, the Committee notes that assessment on Member States amounted to $1,645,932,106, payments received totalled $1,584,498,878 and the amount outstanding was $61,433,228.

8. As indicated in table 7 of the report of the Secretary-General, other income, as at 31 December 2001, consisted of transfer from other funds ($103,000), interest income ($8,403,409) and miscellaneous income ($6,712,616).

9. During its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee was provided with updated information on the financial position of the Mission, which indicated that payments received in 2002 totalled $574,283 and the Mission has an operating deficit of $26,686,717.

10. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 11 of the report of the Secretary-General that, while there is no need to appropriate additional resources for UNOSOM II, payment of outstanding claims cannot be effected owing to the shortage of cash in the UNOSOM II special account, resulting from the high level of unpaid assessed contributions. In view of the cash shortage, the concurrence of the General Assembly is sought to suspend the provisions of financial regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) in respect of the remaining surplus of $21,324,700 gross ($20,374,400 net).

11. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNOSOM are indicated in paragraph 1 of the report of the Secretary-General. **The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the proposals of the Secretary-General.**